

# THE EAGLE

Weekly Newsletter of St. John's March 6, 2022

## From our Pastor:

Having the CSP Concert Band with us this Sunday made me think of one of Martin Franzmann's old sermons called "Vision For Battle." Pastor Franzmann makes the case that we're engaged in a spiritual wrestling match, not with flesh and blood, but against spiritual forces that desire to snatch faith in Christ out of our hearts and heads. The whole Church needs to work together in this battle...

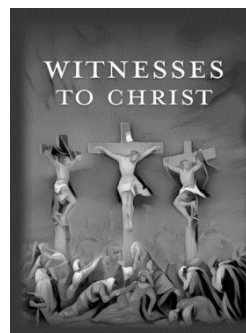
*"It is true, no man is an island, and God has bound us each to each. We hear one another's battle cries and are heartened by one another's triumphs and warned by one another's failures. But if no man is an island, no man is an orchestra either. He has to play his part if the orchestra is to play. And if that part is only three little toots at the end of the Fourth Movement, he has to be there for those three little toots." (Ha! Ha! Among the Trumpets. p. 18)*

Do you want to help others in their daily walk (and combat) as Christ's disciples? *Continue to be here.* Do you need help in that same walk? *Continue to be here.* It's so encouraging when you are here around God's Word and Sacraments!

We have a wonderful group of volunteers who are writing notes and making encouraging phone calls to dear members of the congregation who have been missing from worship. It's not a perfect effort, but God is using it mightily. We are encouraged every time someone returns to active worship after a long hiatus, and when a person is here every-single-week.

God writes the music. We each have a part. In Lent, I pray you will grow spiritually and rehearse your little part in the symphony.

"Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it." (1 Cor 12:27)



Lenten Midweek Services  
on Wednesdays, 12:15pm & 6:30pm

## "Witnesses to Christ"

Midweek of Lent 1: March 9<sup>th</sup>  
**Mary, the Sister of Lazarus and Martha, John 12:1-11**

Midweek of Lent 2: March 16<sup>th</sup>  
**Malchus, John 18:1-11**

Midweek of Lent 3: March 23<sup>rd</sup>  
**Peter, John 18:12-27**

Midweek of Lent 4: March 30<sup>th</sup>  
**Barabbas, John 18:33-40**

Midweek of Lent 5: April 6<sup>th</sup>  
**Pontius Pilate, John 19:1-16**

Maundy Thursday: April 14<sup>th</sup>  
**Judas Iscariot, John 13:21-30**

Good Friday: April 15<sup>th</sup>  
**John, the Gospel Writer, John 19:25-37**

The Resurrection of Our Lord: April 17<sup>th</sup>  
**Mary Magdalene, John 20:1-18**

## The New Directories are IN!

Pick yours up after services this weekend.

## Making the Case Conference

Sign up for the bus trip to this conference on June 24-25 at Concordia Univ., Chicago. Trip is \$200 & includes registration, transportation, lodging, & 3 of the 5 meals while you are away. For more details and the registration forms, check the bulletin boards.

### Online Giving

With Lent now here, the Board of Stewardship has added the option of Special Services as an online option to give. Special Services covers all added services such as Ash Wednesday, Lent, Good Friday, etc.

If you are already contributing online but wish to change what you are currently giving, that can be done online also.

If you haven't signed up yet to give online, it is quick & easy. Simply go to <https://stjohnslcms.net/> Click on the "Online Giving" tab. Then click on "Contribute" and follow the directions.

### Prayer List

Kassie Stanfield and her work with pregnant moms in Tanzania, Shirley Cheadle, Kathy Stumpf, John Romero, Shawn Bourland, Mattie Niccum, Marlene Bray, Owen Phelps, Rhea Hartman, Dan Chambers, Don & Judy Ealy, Susie Austin, Tim Mueller, Irene Esch, Geraldine Grieves, Ruth Holland, Katie Buzek, Beverly Koester, Chad Nelson, Doris Hammer, David Tieffel, and the family of John Holland.

Members of the Armed Forces, including Ryan Budde, Nathan Vail, Gabriel Walker, Bryce Ikemire, and all first responders of our community and nation.

### Your Response to the Gospel Our Attendance Last Week

Sunday, February 27.....	392
Sunday School.....	42
Adult Sunday School.....	46
LifeLight Sunday School.....	11

### Our Offerings February 27

General Fund.....	\$15,372.52
Online General Fund.....	\$3,747.36
<b>Total Gen. Fund Offering.....</b>	<b>\$19,119.88</b>
<b>Building Fund.....</b>	<b>\$90.00</b>

### Rhodes Fish Fry

Friday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Tickets may be purchased in advance or you may purchase them at the door

### Desserts

We are having a bake sale for our fish fry on Friday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, and welcome your donated items. Please put them in disposable pans. Thank you, the Youth Board.

### Thank You

We wish to thank everyone for all the cards & kind words & offers to help during the loss of Earl & Dan. Special thanks to Pastor Burdick for his visits & support during this difficult time. God bless you all, Doris Mueller & Family.

### Next Food Distribution

Tues., March 8<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

### March Food Pantry Donation

Shampoo, Body Wash, Wet Wipes, Kleenex, & Laundry Soap (small bottles).

### Food Drive for

### Concordia Seminary Food Bank

The Social Ministry Board is currently taking food items for the Seminary Food Bank from now until Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup>. You can drop your donations off in the Atrium.

### This Week's Sunday School Lesson

Mark 14:53-72

The Bible lesson for this week is "Standing Trial." Jesus faces a farce of a trial before the high priest and the Council. Despite a parade of accusers, no two witnesses can manage to make their testimonies agree. Frustrated, the high priest asks, "Are you the Christ?" (Mark 14:61). Jesus' response, "I am" (v. 62), enrages the high priest, who tears his clothing. Meanwhile, Peter faces his challengers in the courtyard. When bystanders accuse Peter of being a follower of the Nazarene, he denies Jesus three times, just as was foretold.

### Deepest Sympathy

Our prayers go to the family of John Holland. He passed away Sat., Feb. 26<sup>th</sup> at his home. His services were held Sat., Mar. 5<sup>th</sup>. Please keep his wife, Ruth, and the rest of the family in your prayers.

### Prayer Shawl

Will meet Tuesday, March 8<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m.

## Youth Corner

### Rhodes Fish Fry



COUNTRY RHODES  
St. John's LYF Effingham

**FISH FRY  
FUNDRAISER**

**FRIDAY, MARCH 11TH  
4:00-7:00 PM**

Location: St. John's Lutheran Church  
at 901 W Jefferson

Adults/ Carry out → \$12  
Kids 12 and under → \$8

Kids 3 & under FREE

**ALL YOU  
CAN EAT!**

Fried Fish	Coleslaw
Chicken Tenders	Baked Beans
Hush Puppies	Potato Salad
Steak Fries	Applesauce

We need YOUR help to make this a success!!

#### **Tickets**

We must sell 300 tickets. The youth are selling tickets, & you can get yours now, or at the door.

#### **Desserts**

Be sure to bring your goodies for the bake sale in disposable pans.

**Spread the word! Invite your friends!**

#### **LIFE QUOTE From Lutherans for Life**

“There’s so much work to be done, so many lives to protect. The unborn, the mentally ill, the hungry, the broken, and many others still need to hear about our hope in Christ and the love He has for us, and it’s our duty to bring it to them.”

Katie Reid, 2021 Y4Life intern – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)

#### **Stewardship Thought**

Luke 4:8 – “And Jesus answered him, “It is written...” Isn’t it interesting that Jesus does not defeat Satan with His power as God but rather by His perfect obedience in His perfect humanity? Jesus defeats Satan not by miracles but by quoting the Scriptures and living according to it. This should cause us great joy for two reasons. First, because we see Jesus win the victory for us. Second, because here Jesus shows us how to stand in that victory – on the Word of God alone. Let us build our lives on the sure rock of this Word!

## Hayden Rensner Update

Greetings! I was just informed of your generous financial gift that you have given to me in support of my missionary service in the Czech Republic. Thank you so much for this incredible gift. I am in awe of your generosity & incredibly grateful for your continued support.

I am eager to continue to stay in touch with all of you in the coming months. I am so thankful for all of you. I have regularly been watching the church service live stream recordings that your congregation provides. Usually, I watch the services on Fridays, about five days after they have been recorded. However, although I am unable to watch live, I still love being with you all in spirit across the miles via the recordings. What a special gift this has been for me.

Thank you again for your continued support! You are a blessing to me in many ways.  
God’s Blessings, Hayden

## LCMS Foundation

TODAY | TOMORROW | FOREVER

No matter how much we plan, we always need to be willing to adjust those plans. We are not like God, who can see all of time in one glance. As a result, with all the twists & turns of life, we must be willing to periodically analyze our plans & align them with reality, in paths the Lord has chosen for us.

That is true about our estate planning work as well. An estate plan is not a “one & done” proposition. It keeps evolving through life. We want to make sure that our legal & financial goals set out in wills, trusts, & beneficiary designations align with the reality of life as God has shown it to be today. Reviewing our plans gives us the joy of counting past blessings & looking forward with faith to avenues of grace to which our Heavenly Father is leading us. Is it time to reflect? Contact Scott Radden, Sr. Gift Planning Counselor at 618-977-4049 or [Scott.Radden@lfn.org](mailto:Scott.Radden@lfn.org) for more information.

#### **Pecan SALE**

Pieces are now \$9 & halves are \$10.  
Call Marilyn Schaefer (217-821-0508) or  
Brenda Wendling (217-536-5065)

**CALENDAR-----March 6, 2022 – March 13, 2022**

Sunday	06	8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.	Worship Services With Concordia University of St. Paul Band Performing
		9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
		9:15 a.m.	Financial Peace Class
		10:00 a.m.	Worship Service/Mediacom Channel 81
<i>Preschool Monday – Friday 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.</i>			
Monday	07	4:30 p.m.	Today's Light
Tuesday	08	12:30 p.m.	Quilt Tying
		1:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl
		3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Food Pantry Distribution
		5:15 p.m.	Board of Social Ministry
		7:00 p.m.	Adult Catechism
Wednesday	09	12:15 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.	Lent Services
		1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Stephen Ministry Class
		1:00 p.m.	Office Staff Devotions/Meeting
		1:15 p.m.	Quilt Tying
		5:00 p.m.	Confirmation Class
		5:30 p.m.	Bell Practice
Thursday	10	6:30 p.m.	Board of Elders
Friday	11		Pastor's Sabbath
		4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Rhodes Fish Fry & Youth Bake Sale
Saturday	12	8:00 a.m.	Praise Band Practice
		9:30 a.m.	E. A. S. T. E. R. Class
		5:30 p.m.	Worship Service w/HC
Sunday	13	8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.	Worship Service w/HC
		9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
		10:00 a.m.	Worship Service/Mediacom Channel 81
		6:30 p.m.	National Youth Gathering Meeting

**Birthdays This Week**

- 03/07 Beth Hanks, Curt Meske, Laura Braun,  
& Gayland Bourland
- 03/08 Charlie Jansen & Jerry Pruemmer
- 03/09 Brody Kuhns & James Ousley
- 03/10 Dr. James Gartner, Kaiden Kohnert, &  
Katherine Jansen
- 03/11 Jim Schroeder & Patricia Logan
- 03/12 Steve Wendling

**Anniversaries This Week**

- 03/06/99 Brian & Dawn Koester
- 03/10/18 Jason & Michelle Miller

**Lutheran World Relief Quilts**

Willing hands & hearts are needed to continue this ministry of tying quilts for LWR! Check the March calendar for dates & times. We meet in the multi-purpose room. Hope to see you there.